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ABOUT SB/SCAP

The primary mission of the DEQ's Small Business & Small Community Assistance Program is to provide important environmental regulatory assistance to small businesses and to provide environmental regulatory information to small communities.

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LDEQ chooses Bayou Lafourche as the statewide pilot project for its new Clean Waters Program

By Jeff Dauzat, Environmental Scientist Staff, Southeast Regional Office

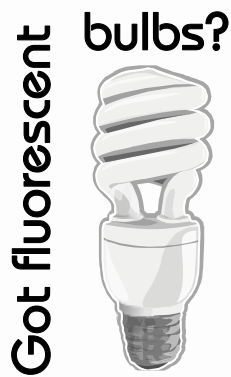
LDEQ adopted a new Compliance Monitoring Strategy in June 2007 to improve the water quality in targeted watersheds in Louisiana. Bayou Lafourche was chosen as the statewide pilot project for the new strategy because it is impaired for certain recreational uses and is a source of drinking water for communities along the Bayou and in Terrebonne Parish. The project included sampling for fecal coliform bacteria at various locations along the length of the Bayou followed by compliance inspections at all businesses that contribute wastewater into the Bayou.

Bayou Lafourche is 99 miles long and runs from the Bayou's headwaters at the Mississippi River in Donaldsonville, La. to the Gulf of Mexico at Port Fourchon, La. Phase

one of the project was conducted from Aug. 13 through Aug. 24th, and resulted in every facility being inspected along the Bayou from Donaldsonville to Leeville, La. The next phase is tentatively scheduled for late October 2007, which will complete the inspections from Leeville to Port Fourchon, La.

LDEQ inspected 770 facilities in Phase one, and projects to inspect 200+ in Phase two of the pilot project. LDEQ inspectors found a significant number of facilities along the Bayou that were discharging wastewater into the Bayou without a permit. LDEQ anticipates seeing a significant improvement in the water quality as a result of this project and the subsequent permitting and monitoring of wastewater entering the Bayou.

Did you know that fluorescent bulbs contain mercury? Short-term or long-term exposures to mercury vapor can cause adverse health effects. Try



to keep fluorescent bulbs intact, store them in protective packaging. If you break a fluorescent bulb, evacuate the area and ventilate it to the outside until the vapor can dissipate before attempting cleanup. Do not vacuum the broken lamp. Seek professional guidance in cleanup. Facilities should treat spent fluorescent lamps and lamp fragments as hazardous waste according to applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

For more information, contact LDEQ's hotline:

1-800-305-6621 (La. only). To find a recycler near you, check your local yellow pages, or go to the

recycling directory at LDEQ's web site: www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/186/Default.aspx.

Sanitary Wastewater Assistance Training

Date	Location	Time
25-Oct-07	Hammond	8 am - 12 Noon
29-Nov-07	Baton Rouge	8 am - 12 Noon

NOTE: To register for this FREE class, call (225) 219-3720.

Underground Storage Tank Training

Date	Location	Time
18-Oct-07	New Orleans	1 pm - 5 pm
29-Nov-07	W. Monroe	8 am -12 Noon
12-Dec-07	Lake Charles	8 am -12 Noon

To register for this FREE class, call Lourdes Iturralde (225) 219-3713, or Toni Evans (225) 219-3719.

How important are small businesses to the U.S. economy?

- Small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all employer firms.
- Employ about half of all private sector employees.
- Have generated 60 to 80 percent of net new jobs annually over the last decade.
- Pay more than 45 percent of total U.S. private payroll.
- Create more than half of nonfarm private gross domestic product (GDP).

Small firms with fewer than 500 employees represent 99.9 percent of the 26.8 million businesses.

[excerpted from Office of Advocacy, www.sba.gov/advo, Aug. 2007].

Attention!



The Louisiana 2008 Dry Cleaner Compliance and Small Business Reporting Calendars will be available on the SB/SCAP's web site in late December 2007. To download the calendars, go to www.deq.louisiana.gov, click on the menu "programs," scroll down and click on "Small Business/Small Community Assistance Program," then scroll down the page to "calendars."

Do you need a speaker at your next safety meeting?

SB/SCAP engineers are available to speak at your next safety meeting on environmental issues that may impact your business. Call us at **1-800-259-2890**



IMPORTANT DATES

October 4	UST Worker Certification Exam (225) 219-3062
October 28	DMR Quarterly Report
November 1	UST Worker Certification Renewal
December 6	UST Worker Certification Exam (225) 219-3062
December 31	UST Worker Certification expires

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